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Cemetery License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Cemetery Board issued four licensee revocations at its most recent meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2008. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

HEIDI SUE KNIGHT FOREST, VA

File Numbers 2008-04183, 2009-00132, 2009-00315, and 2009-00136

VIOLATION – Knight engaged in unprofessional conduct likely to defraud or deceive the public or clients. In addition, Knight violated the Board's regulations by virtue of her felony fraud conviction.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of Salesperson License No. 4903004709, No. 4903004774, No. 4903004773, and No. 4903004710.

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About DPOR and the Cemetery Board:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates over 30 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Cemetery Board regulates for-profit cemeteries which provide perpetual care, as well as those that sell pre-need burial contracts and are required to maintain trust fund accounts. Family-owned and church cemeteries, and those owned and operated by localities, are exempt from licensure. The Board is composed of four cemetery operators, one local government representative, and two citizen members.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.